



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Daniel Keith Tomaschko, Daniel James Horn, Xiao Kang Zhang, Nao Pao Lee
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For:	BALLOON CONES AND WAISTS THINNING METHODOLOGY
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**DECLARATION OF DAVID JAMES PARSONS
IN SUPPORT OF PATENTABILITY UNDER §1.132**

I, David James Parsons state:

1. I have been employed with Boston Scientific, Inc. since January 21, 1990. I have an associate in science degree in Pre-engineering and an associate of arts degree from North Hennepin Community College and I am currently enrolled at the University of Minnesota working on my bachelor degree in Chemical Engineering. My current position is that of Engineering Specialist. My primary focus is in the field of balloon component development and centerless grinding technology. I am very familiar with the techniques and methods for manufacturing and forming medical balloons and components thereof. I have a level of knowledge and familiarity with these fields that is at least equivalent to that of one of ordinary skill in the art.


2. I am not an inventor of U.S. Pat. App. No. 10/634,370, but I provide this Declaration in support of the patentability of the invention described therein.

3. I have reviewed the above referenced application and the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005. In the Office Action assertions are made that the original

specification does not disclose a mandrel disposed inside of segment 120 and further, that the written specification and figure 3 do not disclose a mandrel in support of segment 120. Upon review of the 10/634,370 Application as originally filed one of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that a mandrel may be used in place of or in addition to a die to support the tubing segment 120. One of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that the mandrel will inherently be positioned inside of the segment 120 in order for the segment 120 to be supported by the mandrel. One of ordinary skill in the art will further recognize that during the processing of the segment 120 with a centerless grinder 150, the segment 120, and a supporting mandrel would be rotated as a result of the contact between the segment 120 and wheel 158.

4. I declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: 15 June 2005


David James Parsons